

PURCHASE OF LAND ADJOINING FORT BLISS, TEX.

JANUARY 15, 1925.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. GARRETT of Texas, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 8267]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8267) for the purchase of land adjoining Fort Bliss, Tex., having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

Line 1, after the word "that," strike out the article "the" and in lieu thereof insert the article "a."

Line 1, after the word "sum," strike out the word "of" and insert in lieu thereof the words "not to exceed."

Line 5, beginning with the word "three," strike out all thereafter down to and including the word "of," in line 6.

Line 6, after the word "land," strike out all the line down to and including the word "of," in line 7, and insert in lieu thereof the words "in the vicinity of and for use in connection with."

Line 8, strike out the words "and directed," so that the bill as amended will read as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a sum not to exceed \$366,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase of land in the vicinity of and for use in connection with the present military reservation at Fort Bliss, Texas, and the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to make said purchase.

This bill, as amended, was submitted to the Secretary of War, and the following is a letter addressed by the Secretary of War to the chairman of your committee approving the bill:

JANUARY 15, 1925.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Congressman Hudspeth, of Texas, has presented to me House bill 8267 somewhat amended, as follows:

In lieu of the words "that the sum of \$366,000," the amendment reads, "that a sum not to exceed \$366,000."

In line 5 of the bill eliminate the words "3,613 acres" and insert after the word "land," in the sixth line, "in the vicinity of and for use in connection with," so that it will read, "for the purchase of land in the vicinity of and for use in connection with the present military reservation at Fort Bliss, Texas," etc.

In line 8 remove the words "and directed."

I see no objection to the bill as amended.

Yours very truly,

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Hon. JOHN C. MCKENZIE,
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House of Representatives.*

